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THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTS

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- President Aristide says people of Haiti "will continue to work for return of democracy".

- Foreign Minister of Italy appeals to United Kingdom and United States to reconsider their decision in mid-1980s to leave United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

- Second United Nations Biological Weapons Inspection Team to Iraq reports that it did not find any such weapons during its mission from 20 September to 3 October.

- General Committee recommends to Assembly inclusion of item on financing of United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia.

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The Security Council this evening unanimously expressed its full support for the Peace Agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict, signed in Paris on 23 October.

By the resolution adopted by all 15 Members, the Council welcomed the agreements and authorized the Secretary-General to designate a Special Representative for Cambodia to act on his behalf. It also welcomed the intention of the Secretary-General to send a survey mission to Cambodia as soon as possible to prepare a plan for implementing the mandate envisaged in the agreements.

The Council further requested the Secretary-General to submit a report containing his implementation plan, including in particular a detailed estimate of the cost of the United Nations Transition Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), on the understanding that this report would be the basis on which the Council would authorize the establishment of UNTAC and approve its budget.

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Speaking to correspondents before the Council meeting, the Permanent representative of the United Kingdom, Sir David Hannay, said the resolution was "an important step" along the "lengthy and crucial road" to peace and stability in Cambodia.

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Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide told the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Conference yesterday in Paris that the people of Haiti "will not bow to the dictates of the military coup leaders", but "will continue to work for return of democracy".

In his statement to the conference, the Haitian President ruled out the use of violence against the 30 September coup leaders, saying "some people may take this as naivité in politics, but we believe that the force of non-violence may cross the world and prove itself more powerful that the strength of guns and tanks".

The UNESCO General Conference, which began on 14 October, will end on 7 November.

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The Foreign Minister of Italy, Gianni de Michelis, appealed yesterday in Paris to the United States and the United Kingdom to reconsider their decision to leave UNESCO in the mid-1980s.

Mr. Michelis made the appeal at the 26th session of UNESCO's General Conference, saying that at a time when "breathtaking changes" in the world gave new responsibilities to UNESCO, the two countries' return to the Organization was of "fundamental importance".

In a letter sent to the Foreign Ministers of the United Kingdom and the United States, the Italian Minister recalled the willingness of the Organization to reform and improve the functioning of UNESCO. He also emphasized the importance played by culture, in its largest meaning, as an instrument of dialogue among people and to counteract social disintegration.

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A United Nations spokesman announced today that the Second United Nations Biological Weapons Inspection Mission to Iraq had not found any biological weapons or facilities for filling weapons during its visit to that country, from 20 September to 3 October. The team concluded that Iraq's research programme on biological agent for military purposes logically would have included a plan for weapons development and production, possibly at a site not yet identified. The inspectors identified a number of sites for which they would recommend future monitoring, the spokesman said.

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At the request of the Secretary General, the General Committee this morning recommended the inclusion of an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia" (UNAMIC) in the agenda of the General Assembly's forty-sixth session.

The Committee further recommended that the item on UNAMIC, which the Secretary-General characterized as "important" and "urgent", be allocated to the General Assembly's Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary).

The Assembly will consider the Committee's recommendation in plenary on Monday, 4 November.

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